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CROSLAND

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY
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UNDER COVER OF NOTE TO THE ACTING SECRETARY FROM AMBASSA-
DOR RAMSBOTHAM, EVENING SEPTEMBER 17

2. BEGIN TEXT

DEAR HENRY,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 6 SEPTEMBER ABOUT YOUR
DISCUSSIONS AND INITIATIVES AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFER-
ENCE. I AM GLAD THAT EVAN LUARD WAS ABLE TO TALK WITH
YOU THERE ABOUT THE WAY THE CONFERENCE WAS GOING. I AM
SURE THAT HE WILL HAVE TOLD YOU OF OUR OWN DETERMINATION
TO PROMOTE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE.

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AS YOU KNOW, WE WELCOME THE GENERAL APPROACH CONTAINED IN YOUR PROPOSALS ON THE EXPLOITATION OF MINERALS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AREA. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ANY DELEGATION INTERESTED IN THE ADOPTION OF AN AGREED CONVENTION IS BOUND TO GIVE SERIOUS ATTENTION TO SUCH AN EMINENTLY

REASONABLE INITIATIVE. OUR PEOPLE IN NEW YORK TELL ME THAT BEFORE PUTTING ANY PROPOSAL TO THE CONFERENCE, YOU WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE FINANCING OF THE ENTERPRISE WITH OTHER POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS. THIS WOULD BE USEFUL EVEN IF IT MEANS THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TABLE YOUR PROPOSALS THIS SESSION. AS YOU KNOW, OUR VIEWS ON THE LA OF THE SEA CONFERENCE GENERALLY, AND ON THE NEED FOR THE EARLY ADOPTION OF A NEW CONVENTION IN PARTICULAR, ARE VERY CLOSE TO YOURS AND OUR DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER ON QUESTIONS BOTH OF SUBSTANCE AND TACTICS. THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO.

WITH WARM GOOD WISHES,

TONY CROSLAND

END TEXT. ROBINSON

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